

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an aged bosom.—William Pitt.

## THE MAYORALTY.

Is Joe Fern entitled to reelection as mayor of the city and county of Honolulu?

The STAR-BULLETIN believes in recognizing merit in office when election-time comes, and worth alone should count with the voters. This is a year when merit is going to count and when no man can expect the support of the voters unless he can back his appeal with proof of his ability, his progressiveness and his fitness for public office during the next two years.

Mr. Fern has had two terms in the mayor's chair. He has had four years in office. What has he to show as a record?

What progressive measure has he initiated? What piece of legislation has he suggested and carried through? What has he made of his opportunity?

Year after year the same excuse has been made for Fern,—the excuse that he did not have a majority of men on the board of his own political faith.

The voters of the city and county are now confronted with two sets of candidates, Republican and Democratic, and it needs only a glance at the Democratic nominees to decide the average voter that it's impossible to pick a Democratic majority from the seven men nominated and insure Honolulu two years of progress. There are some good men on the Democratic ticket. The STAR-BULLETIN has already stated its belief that Petrie and Markham deserve consideration at the hands of the voters. But this paper does not for one moment believe that the entire ticket deserves support.

Mayor Fern, if reelected, will not have a Democratic majority on the board. The board will be Republican in complexion, and Fern will again face the unsympathetic sentiment which he has faced for four years past. Does Honolulu wish two years more of the factional fighting that ruined the work of the board now going out of office? Emphatically not.

Fern's record—or lack of a record—has not, however, been so largely due to a Republican majority on the board as to himself. He simply has not "measured up to the job".

The years 1913 and 1914 will be great years for this city. Honolulu is already in an era of rapid civic development. The city is spreading by leaps and bounds. There are business houses and residences going up on all sides; there are streets laid out and still to be laid out; there are questions of lighting, of paving, of garbage improvement—great questions. The next legislature will be asked to turn over to the city the water works and the sewer system. These are but a few of the many great functions of government that are pressing more and more heavily upon the governing powers of this municipality.

The internal development of the city demands a man of calibre at the head of the city's functions, and a man who can surround himself with capable advisers—not a man who will surround himself with petty politicians.

The external relations of the city are to be considered. The tourist tide already is setting this way as a prophecy for 1915, the year of the Panama-Pacific exposition. Honolulu must have a man who can worthily represent this city—worthily in the eyes of the world. We must not blush for our official representative; he must not be a source of derisive laughter.

With all of these things confronting Honolulu, what has been Mr. Fern's record as a mayor? What has he to tell the people as he asks their support again?

Col. Sam Parker has won the regard and the esteem of many of the men who lead in American affairs today. He will not be harassed in office by a hostile board. He will be surrounded by brainy men; he will have the advice of responsible men; he will bring a lot of common-sense to the solving of the city's problems.

And he will certainly lend picturesqueness to the office. He will be a mayor worth having!

## A SECOND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

It is sincerely to be hoped that the talk of

## TONS OF PAPER TO SUPPLY STAR-BULLETIN

Award was made yesterday by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Ltd., for supplying the largest quantity of "news" paper ever contracted for in the newspaper history of the islands.

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manager. Under its terms the readers of the Star-Bulletin are assured a high grade of paper in keeping with the ideal standard of the newspaper as a live news medium and leader of public thought for the common good.

A strike will be called immediately of all miners and smelters at Ely, Nev., unless the operators agree to the demanded wage increase.

"knifing" E. H. Paris, Republican candidate for the board of supervisors, because some of the Fourth district voters may not support Notley, or because Kaimuki was disappointed at the county convention, will end in talk. Mr. Paris ought to be given very hearty support for the board. Financial experience, energy and foresight are all needed badly in public office here, and Paris has all of these qualities. The Fifth district will win the deepest respect of the whole community if it supports Mr. Paris just as cordially as if he were a resident of that section of the city.

He did not take part in the pre-convention bickering, and he should not be held to account for the convention deals. We believe the Republican party can well unite on Mr. Paris as an aggressive young businessman who will do credit to his party while in office and win support for that party two years from now.

## REPUBLICANS WHO STAY.

We are glad to observe that in one more state the Bull Moose plan to take possession of the Republican organization and name has come to grief. North Carolina went overwhelmingly for Roosevelt in the preliminary campaign; and after Taft's nomination, Roosevelt's managers there, headed by the Republican national committeeman, attempted the same game that was played by Johnson in California. They undertook the carry the Republican state convention and name electors who would vote for Roosevelt. But the state committee met the move promptly by confining its call to Republicans who meant to support the party's candidate in the nation, the convention lived up to the call, and the Bull Moosers had to bolt and hold a separate convention of their own.

There will be a Taft ticket in North Carolina, and, what is more, in the working out of poetic justice it is doubtful if there will be any proper Roosevelt ticket at all. For the bolting Roosevelt convention called itself "Progressive Republican," not Progressive, and in order to hold title to "Republican" it indorsed, not the Progressive national platform, but the Republican one. So Roosevelt must now decide whether or not he will run on a platform which he has repeatedly denounced—also whether or not he is himself still a Republican.

That situation is about right. Somebody down there must have a sense of humor as well as a sense of fair play.—Harper's Weekly.

Republicans of the Fifth district made a splendid showing at last night's luau. The two hundred or more men who sat down at the feast were fine types of intelligent voters. And they are perfectly aware of the vital issues of the campaign. If they will vote up to their personal convictions and belief, Honolulu need not worry over the men put in office for the next two years.

Honolulu's intense interest in the world's series baseball games is manifested by the number of "fans" who call the STAR-BULLETIN by telephone from 11 to 4 o'clock every day to get the results. The first returns usually come about 11:30 o'clock, and this paper is glad to give the information.

Col. Sam Parker will not only give the office of mayor some standing in Honolulu, but he will end the laughter of visitors who are told that Joe Fern is the chief executive of the city.

Every accusation of double-crossing between the Fourth and Fifth districts brings nearer the time when a direct primary law will be passed and the convention system wiped out.

There won't be much of Bulgaria or Montenegro left to fight over if all Europe takes a hand in the war.

Link McCandless evidently doesn't want to be hauled up before any committee investigating campaign funds.

Boston just now is the hub-bub of the universe.

Don't forget to register!

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### HAWAII AND THE INVESTIGATION

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:  
Sir—A lady, with a real or fancied ailment, once asked the poet, wit, and philosopher, Oliver Wendell Holmes, to prescribe for her. He told her that it would have been better had some physician prescribed for her ailment some several generations before. This incident comes all unbidden to the writer, when thinking of Mr. Fisher's investigations into the charges brought by Delegate Kahio against Governor Freat.

The investigation seemed to turn upon the acknowledged fact that most things here, built up by capital, immense energy, and superior thought and management are all wrong. Perhaps they are, but, if wrong, no doubt Governor Freat, in his well-chosen words at the close of the investigation, and had that been the proper place and occasion, could have told Mr. Fisher that, for the wrong things here, he is in a very small degree responsible. Those things, supposed to be out of joint, are not of sudden emergence, but of long and painful growth. No doubt the Governor could have said that had they needed changing, the changes should have begun, by executive and legislative action, before he was Governor—even before he was born.

As an observer of events in Hawaii, for some thirty years, the writer of this article has always supposed that we are a complaisant, happy, and prosperous lot of people as live anywhere. True, we bicker a little among ourselves, just for the fun of it, but let a stranger come here and criticize our ways and manners, and immediately we all, metaphorically, hop on him and make things fly, as an old mother hen does to a strange chicken invading the precincts of her brood. I said we are prosperous, each according to his own standard of life, and happy according to his moods. All these things strike the stranger from the mainland, or other parts of the world, very pleasantly.

Much came out in Mr. Fisher's inquiry concerning "small farming." I think, to an observant person, having lived here for many years, and having seen many experiments in small farming, that about all there could have been done in this direction has been done.

Truth to tell, I think it is generally admitted that the only possibility for small farming has been induced by the plantation system. I have been told that some of the Portuguese, and others, that have succeeded in getting small pieces of land in close contact with the plantations have succeeded, at least partially. Being close to the plantation, any spare time the homesteader may have can be utilized for wages on the plantation. Thus, the small farmer can develop his few acres part of the time, and earn money the rest of the time.

The writer of this article, in years past, rode over the land whereon Honolulu and Makaweli plantations now are. Both these lands, especially in the summer, were tenanted by dead kekania and klu bushes, and the red dust blowing where it listeth.

Had a thousand acres of this dry land been given to a small farmer, he could not have supported a family or that amount—it is even doubtful whether it would have supported, the year round, one hundred billy goats. It is not certain that any other system than the plantation one, had it been pursued in that past, would have developed these islands, both industrially and commercially, as has been done under the past system. It is a debatable question whether, had any changes begun long ago, that we should now be in as substantial a place in development and capital as we are today.

The Delegate himself, who brought the complaints against the Governor, acknowledged that he thought there is something wrong in the land, but that he cannot say what is wrong. It would appear to an impartial critic, that he should not have caused all the disturbance unless he had been ready to put his finger on some one wrong. This he failed to do.

The fact is that, perhaps, there has been an unintentional use of words. Instead of calling things "wrong," would it not be better to say that matters here are not exactly as we would have them? But this is true of nearly every country. Indeed, for more time in older countries than here. Ideally, it would be better to have a homogenous population, settled on, and owning their own lands, but that it is not the fact, because matters have grown up differently. I do not believe that any amount of foresight in the past could have developed this country in any way, very different from the way in which it has been developed.

Will the present system continue? So long as prosperity continues out of the present system, I doubt whether any important change will be made. However, no more Chinese can come here, no more Japanese are coming; labor will become scarcer, dividends

will grow smaller, then the corporations and plantations will sit up and take notice. The children of the Orientals born here are American citizens, and when they grow up they will go to the mainland. There will not be labor sufficient here to carry on the plantation system under the present regime. Then, perhaps, matters will gradually change. Our great and successful industrial system has been built up from economic necessity; nothing but economic necessity will ever change it.

(Signed) OBSERVER

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

W. R. FARRINGTON, H. Gooding Field did not state that the local Honolulu press fails to give local municipal discussions ample space and consideration. He said exactly the reverse. During the discussion at the Ad Club lunch, Mr. Field in response to a general query said that, generally speaking, the local press—then referring to the press of the mainland as compared with the local press of England—did not take an interest in an intelligent discussion of municipal topics.

## PERSONALITIES

J. L. MERCER of Edmonton, Canada, accompanied by his family, arrived yesterday on the steamship Zealandia, and will occupy their handsome new home in Kaimuki. Mr. Mercer invested in property here about a year ago, choosing a partly improved piece in Kaimuki overlooking Koko Head.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR CISNEROS CONCERT

Countess Cisneros, the noted contralto, James Liebling, cellist, and Paul Dufault, tenor, will present the following program tonight at the opera house, beginning at 8:15 o'clock:

1. Concerto in A Minor, Golttermann
2. Aria Sanuzza (Cavalleria Rusticana).....Mascagni
3. Champs Paternels (Joseph in Egypt).....Mehul
4. Verborghenheit.....Hugo Wolf
5. Barcarolle (Contes d'Hoffmann).....Offenbach
6. The Danza.....Chadwick
7. Mother o' Mine (Rudyard Kipling).....Frank E. Tours
8. Habanera (Carmen).....Bizet
9. Morning Boat Song.....Harriet Ware
10. Invictus.....Bruno Huhn

## ADVANCE IN HILO EXTENSION BONDS

Activity of Oahu in small parcels, the two last listed at an advance of a quarter point, and the sale of a block of 120 shares of McBryde unchanged at 5.50, constitute, in addition to some liveness in bonds, the features of today's stock sheet. McBryde and Onomea were the only stocks dealt in at the session, Onomea selling down a quarter to 57.50 for 5 shares.

Oahu sales reported were 5, 10, 10 and 50 at 25.75, and 10 and 49 at 26. Hawaiian Sugar was unchanged at 41 for 10 shares. The Mutual Telephone gained a point in a sale of 15 shares at 26. Brewery was unchanged at 23.25 for 100 shares.

Honolulu Gas 6s sold at par in lots of \$6000 and \$2000. Hilo Extension 6s brought the former figure of 97 for \$5000 and went to 97.25 for \$3000.

The Inland Navigation Company of Seattle has awarded a contract to the Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Company for the building of a new steamer for the Seattle-Tacoma run that will be the fastest passenger steamer on Puget Sound and will cost \$250,000. She will be 225 feet long, 24 foot beam, equipped with a four-cylinder engine and watertube boilers. She will have a carrying capacity of 1500 tons and with a speed of 20 knots, is expected to make the run between those cities in an hour and 15 minutes.

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Tantalus .....	\$ 40.00
Kaimuki .....	16.50
Kinai Street .....	50.00
Kahala Beach .....	\$50.00 75.00
Nuuanu Avenue .....	80.00
Pacific Heights .....	100.00
College Hills .....	65.00
Wahiawa .....	30.00
Anapuni Street .....	50.00
Kalihi Road .....	35.00
Green Street .....	60.00

### Unfurnished

Waipio .....	\$12.00
Wilder Avenue .....	\$20.00 50.00
King Street .....	35.00
Kaimuki .....	\$20.00, \$27.50, \$30.00 40.00
Kalihi .....	35.00
Aia Moana and Ena Road .....	50.00
Beretania Street .....	\$22.00 35.00
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